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REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 17, 22, and 23 are amended. Claims 24-39 are added, and support for these claims is found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is added.


Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Enclosed is a check for \$288.00 excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the claims:

Claims 24-39 have been added..

Claims 1, 17, 22, and 23 have been amended as follows:

1. A communications method for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the method comprising:
establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format;
receiving electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client; and
at the client, simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host,
wherein [each]at least one instantiation of the browser application is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application.

17. A computer program for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the computer program being stored on a computer readable medium and comprising instructions for:

~~establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser~~ - - - - -
application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format;
receiving electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client; and
at the client, simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host,
wherein [each]at least one instantiation of the browser application is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application.

22. A communications apparatus for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the apparatus being configured to:

establish a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format;

receive electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client; and

at the client, simultaneously execute multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host,

wherein [each]at least one instantiation of the browser application is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application.

23. A communications method for transferring electronic data to users of a communications system, the method comprising:

establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format; and

transmitting electronic data from the host in response to a data request received from the client,

wherein the electronic data comprises instructions for simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application, [each]at least one instantiation of the browser application-being-configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application.